

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:575

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INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COLD CHAINS

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct additional cold storages / cold chains in the country to promote food processing industries under the National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the places selected for the purpose, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase awareness about the importance of cold chains for farmers;
- (d) the funds allocated for improvement of infrastructure for cold chains, food preservation and food processing during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the incentives provided / steps taken to increase the funding for cold chains in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 575 FOR ANSWER ON 07th MAY, 2013 REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COLD CHAINS

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) had launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme - National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-13), with an objective to decentralize some of the 11th Plan Central Sector Schemes by subsuming in the Mission. Cold Chain scheme for non-horticulture products is one of the components under the Mission. The Mission also includes components like Scheme for Technology Up-gradation / Establishment / Modernisation of Food Processing Industries, Scheme for Human Resource Development (HRD) and Scheme for Promotional Activities.

Under the sub-component of promotional activities of NMFP, States / UTs have been empowered to take necessary steps for creation of awareness amongst the various stakeholders including farmers to promote food processing including setting up cold chain. All the State Governments have been empowered under the Mission to receive the applications, sanction and release of grant-in-aid to the eligible beneficiaries. State Governments have powers to decide location of projects and beneficiaries, to harness the potential of value addition by using locally grown raw material.

(d) National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) is a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched during 2012-13 of 12th Five Year Plan. A statement indicating State-wise allocation of funds during 2012-13 under NMFP is at Annexure-I. Ministry had also implemented the cold chain scheme during 11th Plan, under which, funds were sanctioned based on the project proposals received in the Ministry. A statement indicating project-wise details of grants-in-aid approved and released in different States under the scheme during the last three years and current year at Annexure-II.

(e) To encourage setting up of cold chain facilities in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has been implementing a Plan Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan. The scheme envisaged financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas. In North-Eastern Region and difficult areas, the grants-in-aid is 75% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works. Maximum limit of grants-in-aid is Rs. 10.00 crores. The above initiative is aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure, encouraging value addition with infrastructural facilities like sorting, grading, packaging and processing of horticulture produce including organic produce, marine, dairy, poultry, etc. Other agencies of the Government like National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and various State Governments also provide financial assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes.